

60. The apparatus of claim 58, wherein the returned web page includes results returned from the query submitted to the search engine.

61. The apparatus of claim 60, further comprising:

means for receiving a selection of a first result from the returned web page, the first result associated with a first uniform resource locator (URL);

means for displaying a first web page associated with the first URL;

means for preventing the first web page from controlling the focus; and

means for permitting the first web page to control the focus if no additional input is received within the search field within a predetermined period of time.

62. The apparatus of claim 61, wherein the characteristics of the text input include both temporal and substantive characteristics.

63. A machine-readable medium having instructions to cause a machine to perform a machine-implemented method comprising:

receiving text input within an integrated search field of a web browser application;

determining, based on characteristics of the text input, whether to automatically submit a query to a search engine;

automatically submitting the query to the search engine, the query based on the received search input;

displaying, within the web browser application, a web page returned from the search engine based on the query; and

automatically maintaining a focus within the integrated search field after the returned web page is displayed, the focus designating where the text input is directed.

64. The machine-readable medium of claim 63, wherein the method further comprises preventing the returned web page from controlling the focus.

65. The machine-readable medium of claim 63, wherein the returned web page includes results returned from the query submitted to the search engine.

66. The machine-readable medium of claim 65, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving a selection of a first result from the returned web page, the first result associated with a first uniform resource locator (URL);

displaying a first web page associated with the first URL;

preventing the first web page from controlling the focus; and

permitting the first web page to control the focus if no additional input is received within the search field within a predetermined period of time.

67. The machine-readable medium of claim 66, wherein the characteristics of the text input include both temporal and substantive characteristics.

68. A machine-implemented comprising:

receiving first text input within a search field of a web page;

determining, based on characteristics of the first text input, whether to automatically submit a first query to an Internet search engine;

automatically submitting the first query to the search engine, the first query based the received first search input; and

presenting, within the web page, first results returned from the first query submitted to the search engine.

69. The method of claim 68, wherein the search field is presented within a first frame of the web page, and wherein the first results are presented within in a second frame of the web page.

70. The method of claim 69, further comprising:

receiving second text input within the search field, the second text input added to the first search input to create cumulative text input;

determining, based on characteristics of the cumulative text input, whether to automatically submit a second query to the search engine;

automatically submitting the second query to the search engine, the second query based the received cumulative text input; and

presenting, within the second frame of the web page, second results returned from the second query submitted to the search engine, wherein the second results replace the first results.

71. An apparatus comprising:

means for receiving first text input within a search field of a web page;

means for determining, based on characteristics of the first text input, whether to automatically submit a first query to an Internet search engine;

means for automatically submitting the first query to the search engine, the first query based the received first search input; and

means for presenting, within the web page, first results returned from the first query submitted to the search engine.

72. The apparatus of claim 71, wherein the search field is presented within a first frame of the web page, and wherein the first results are presented within in a second frame of the web page.

73. The apparatus of claim 72, further comprising:

means for receiving second text input within the search field, the second text input added to the first search input to create cumulative text input;

means for determining, based on characteristics of the cumulative text input, whether to automatically submit a second query to the search engine;

means for automatically submitting the second query to the search engine, the second query based the received cumulative text input; and

means for presenting, within the second frame of the web page, second results returned from the second query submitted to the search engine, wherein the second results replace the first results.